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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS

1.-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A spray can, comprising:

a can body made of metal and defining an axial direction and a circumference, and having a V-shaped configuration extending over most of its axial height and a substantially constant wall thickness along its circumference and along substantially its entire axial height, said can body having a lower can portion with an integrally formed and an upper can portion, wherein the lower can portion has a bottom and a generally cylindrical configuration so as to have a substantially circular cross section, and an wherein the upper can portion having a shaped region is provided with a shoulder area having and has a collared can opening for insertion of a spraying system, said upper can portion having a shaped region constructed to also extend across the shoulder area and defined by a non-circular cross section.

wherein the can body has a substantially constant wall thickness both along its circumference and its axial height, and

wherein a circumferential length of the lower can portion is equal in size to a circumferential length of the shaped region.

- 17. (Canceled)
- (Canceled)

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- (Currently amended) The spray can of claim 16, wherein the <u>non-circular cross section</u> shaped region has a surface which is oval or <u>ellipsoidal ellipsoid</u>.
- (Currently amended) The spray can of claim 16, wherein the <u>non-circular</u> <u>cross section is triangular or rectangular</u> ehaped region has a surface which recembles a triangle or rectangle.
- (Previously presented) The spray can of claim 16, wherein the can opening
 of the can body is standardized for insertion of the spraying system of
 standard configuration.
- (Previously presented) The spray can of claim 16, wherein the can body with inserted spraying system is constructed for a filling pressure between 5 and 35 bar.
- (Previously presented) The spray can of claim 22, wherein the filling pressure is between 10 and 20 bar.
- (Previously presented) The spray can of claim 22, wherein the filling pressure is between 12 and 18 bar.
- (Previously presented) The spray can of claim 16, wherein the metal of the can body is tinplate or aluminum.
- 26. (Previously presented Withdrawn) A device for manufacturing a spray can, comprising a die assembly having contours for producing from a substantially cylindrical hollow body with bottom an upper can portion having a shoulder area and a collared can opening, said die assembly having at least one die contoured for forming the upper can portion with a non-circular shaped region.

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27. (Previously presented - Withdrawn) The device of claim 26, wherein the die assembly has several dies for forming the shaped region of different cross sections, said dies being contoured to have circumferences of uniform length.

- (Previously presented Withdrawn) A method for manufacturing a spray can, comprising the steps of:
 - a) producing a substantially cylindrical hollow body with bottom;
 - b) painting an inside of the hollow body;
 - c) printing or painting an outside of the hollow body;
 - d) cutting off an upper edge of the hollow body for formation of a collar for a can opening; and
 - e) producing an upper can portion with a shoulder area and the collared can opening, wherein the method step e) is executed with a device of claim 26 to thereby form a differently configured shaped region of the upper can portion.
- (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the method step a) is carried out by a deep-drawing process.
- (Withdrawn) The method of claim 28, wherein the method step e) represents a final method step in the process for manufacturing an unfilled spray can.
- 31. (Canceled)